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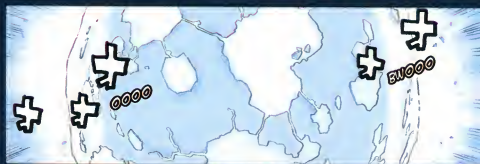
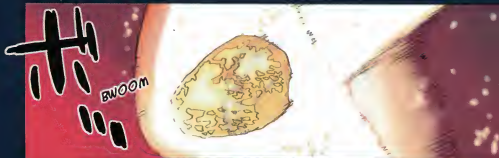
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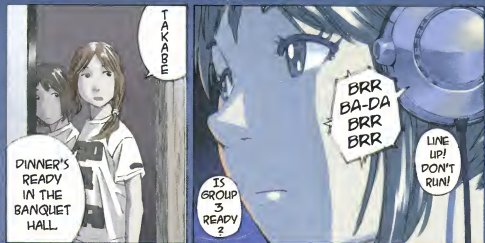
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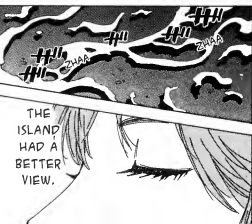


1. You Are Not Alone



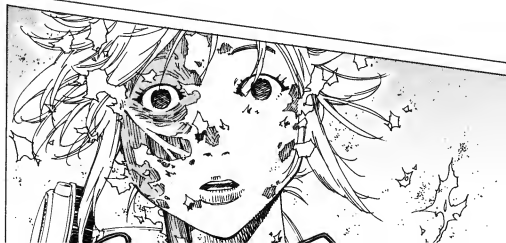
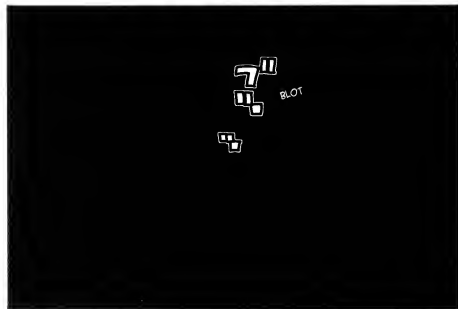
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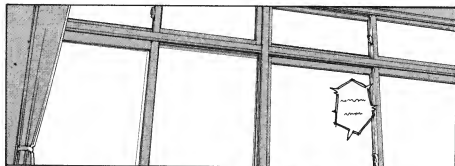
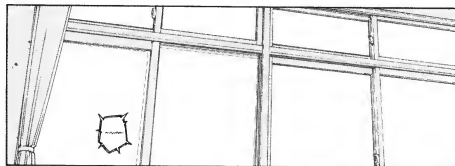
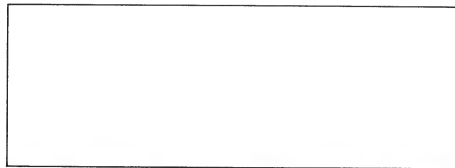


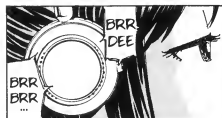




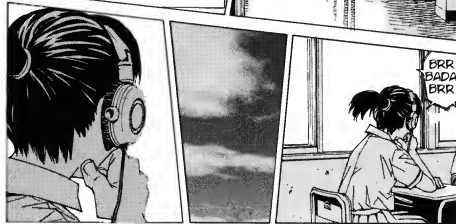
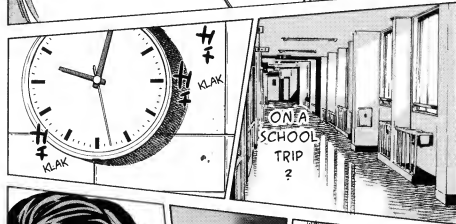


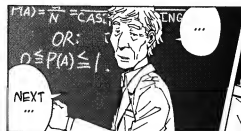




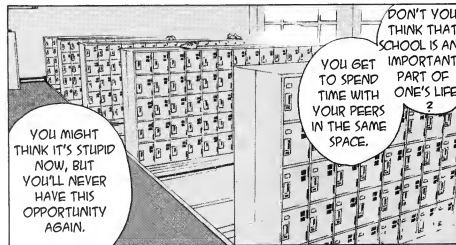
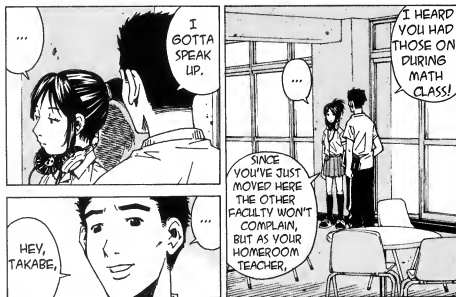


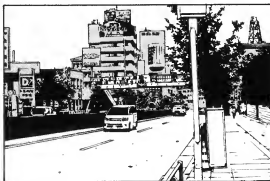
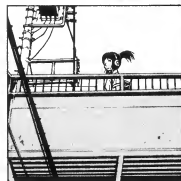
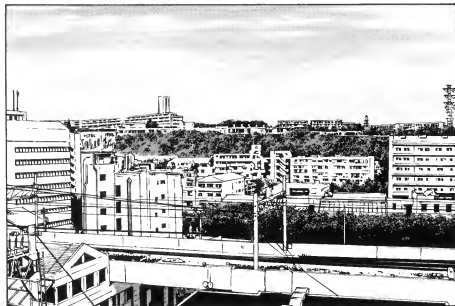
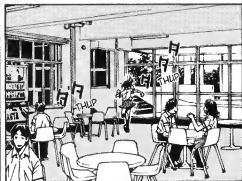
EVENT  
-AN EVENT IS THE OUTCOME  
OF A TRIAL (EXPERIMENTATION &  
OBSERVATION)



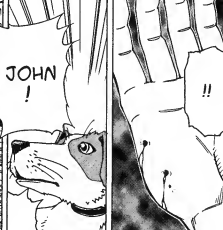


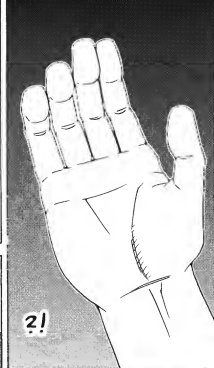
















YOU  
DIED  
ONCE.

YOU  
BURNED  
UP  
WITHOUT  
A TRACE.



WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?



I'VE FINALLY  
FOUND  
A WAY TO  
TUNE INTO  
YOU...  
SHHHA



WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
?!



THEY'RE  
SELLING  
THEM  
OVER  
THERE

WHERE  
NEXT?

HM?

MOVE!!

PISS  
OFF!

NICE  
TO  
SEE  
YA!

GIVE  
IT  
UP!

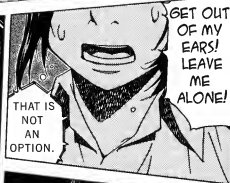
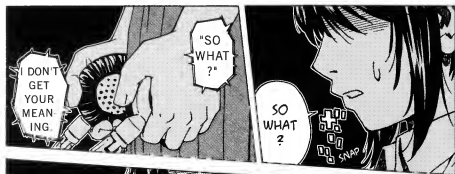
HA  
HA  
HA!



IT WAS  
NO  
DAYDREAM,  
HIKARU.



?!







KA-BLAM

?!

DAMN  
YOU!

TH  
TRUCK

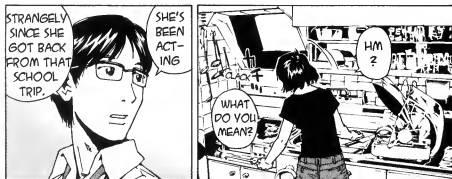
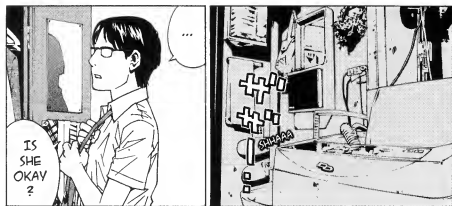
ZZAH

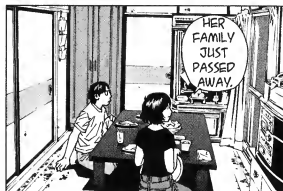
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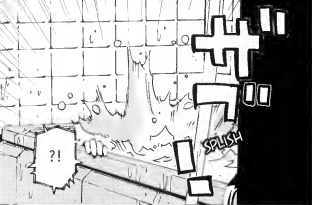
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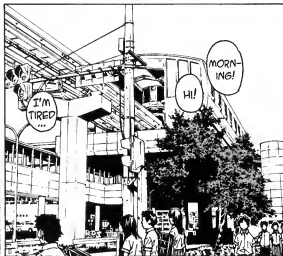
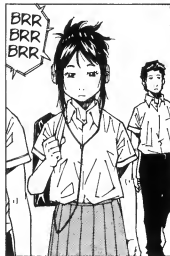
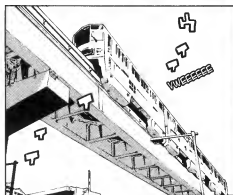
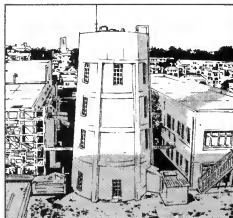


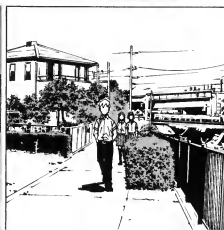
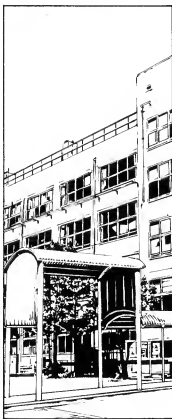
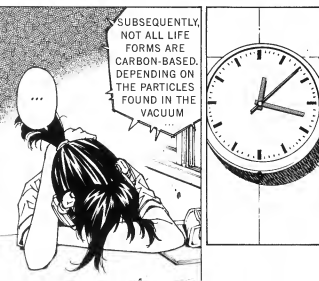
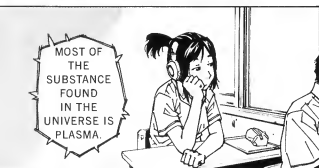




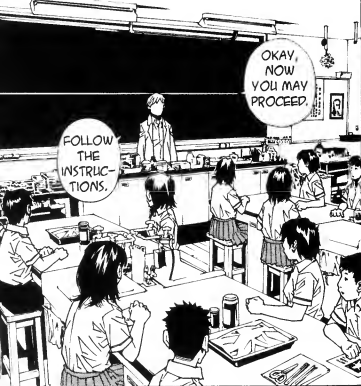


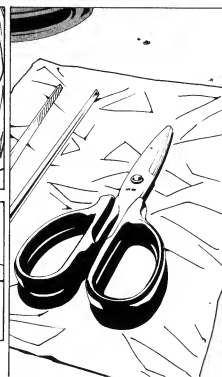
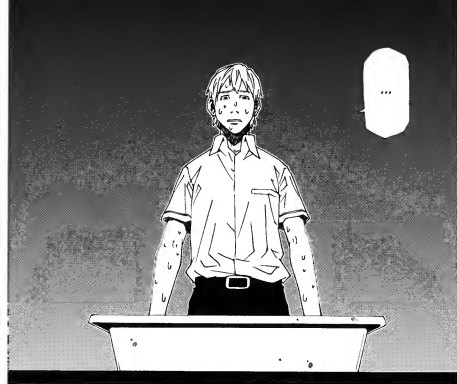
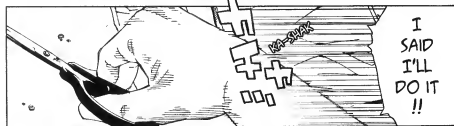


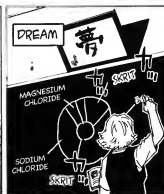




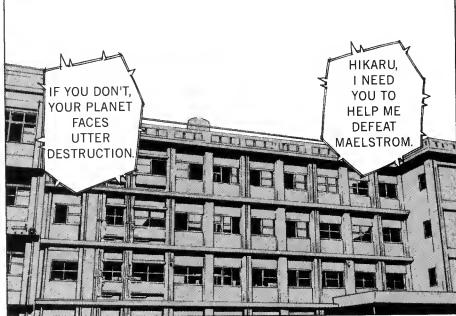




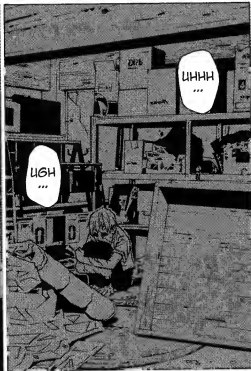
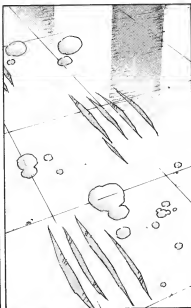


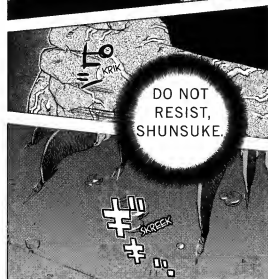
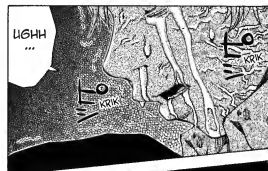
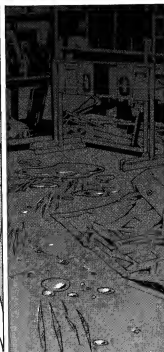












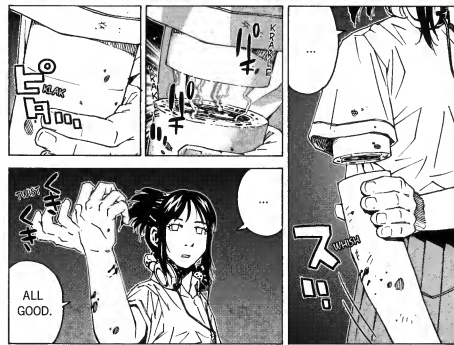
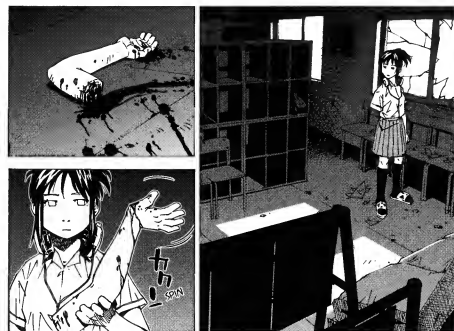
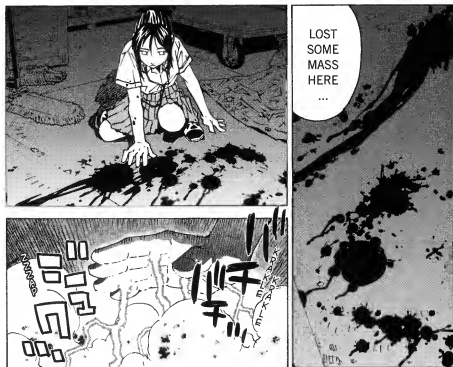




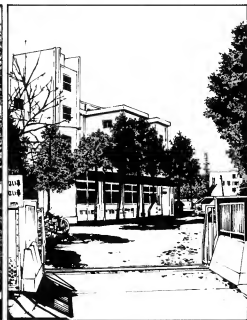
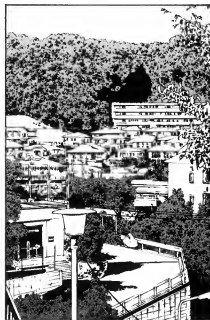






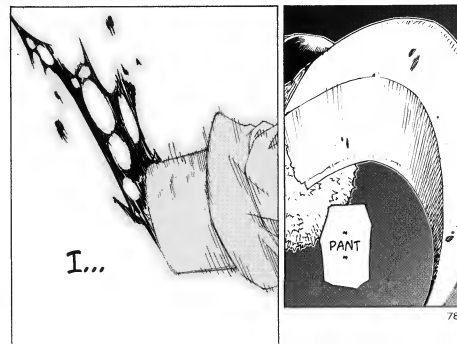
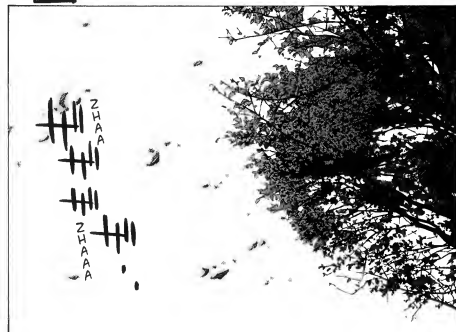


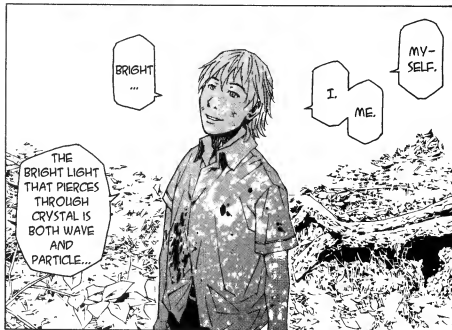


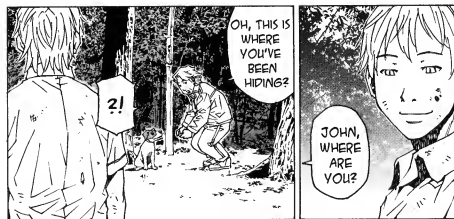


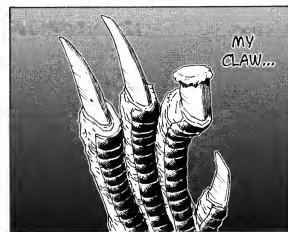
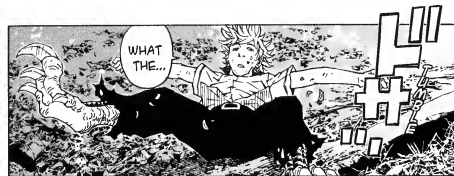




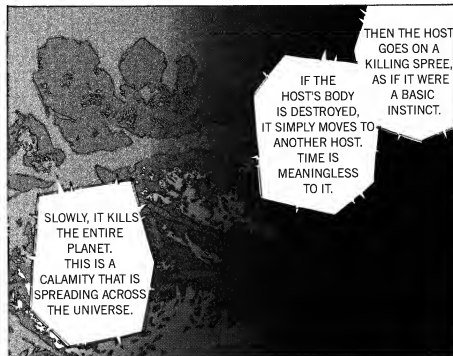
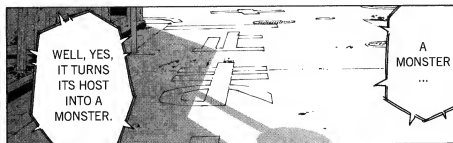
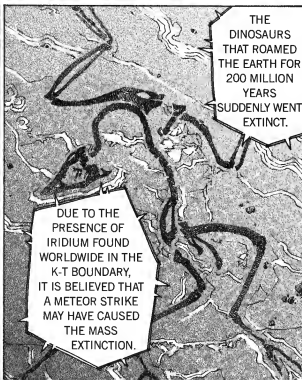














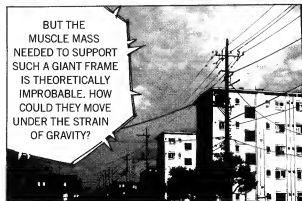
MAELSTROM



AND NOW  
IT'S BACK  
ON THIS  
PLANET.



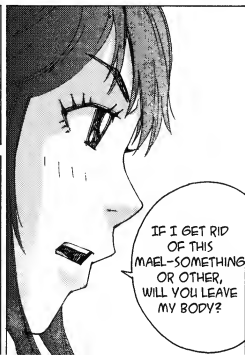
WITH ITS  
POWER,  
THEY WERE  
ABLE TO  
RAPIDLY  
MUTATE.



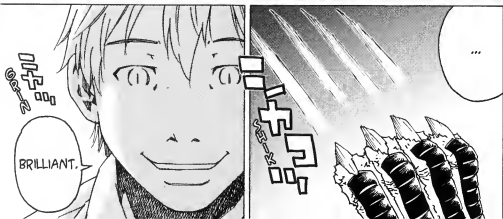
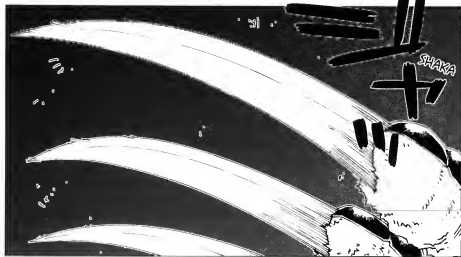
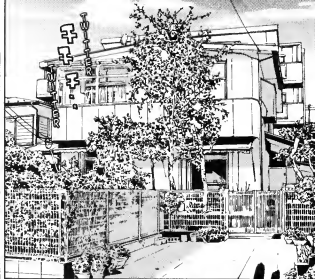
BUT THE  
MUSCLE MASS  
NEEDED TO SUPPORT  
SUCH A GIANT FRAME  
IS THEORETICALLY  
IMPROBABLE. HOW  
COULD THEY MOVE  
UNDER THE STRAIN  
OF GRAVITY?

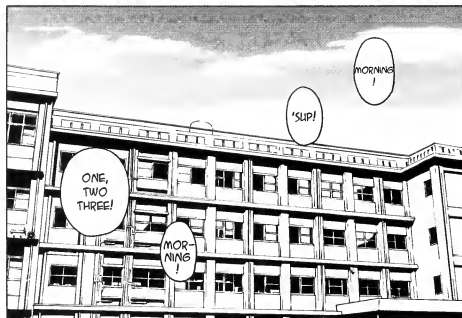


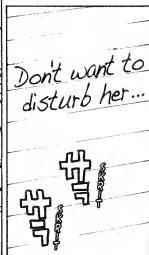
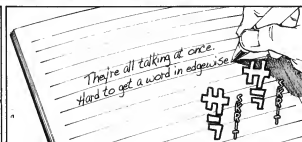
YOU'VE SEEN  
THOSE DRAWINGS  
OF GIANT  
DINOSAURS,  
OVER  
100 FEET  
LONG.

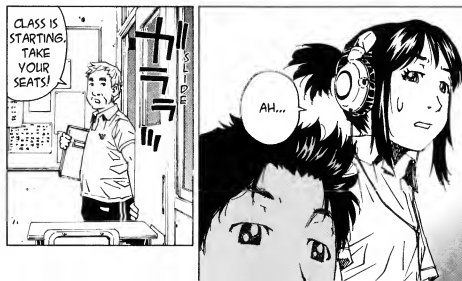
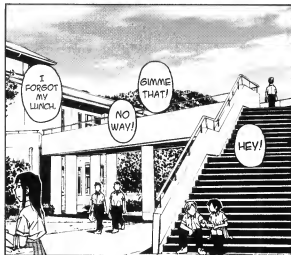


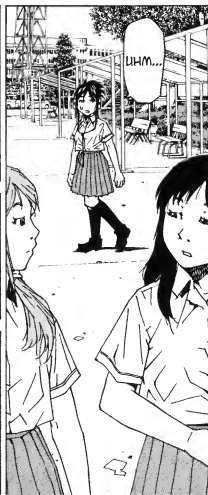
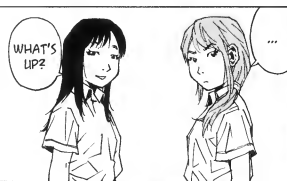


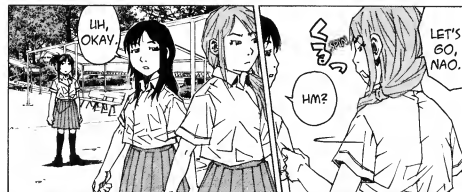
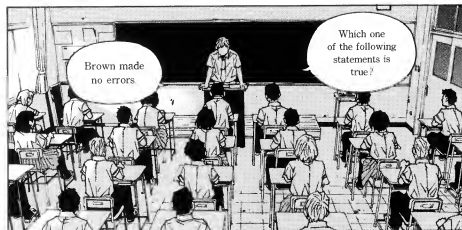


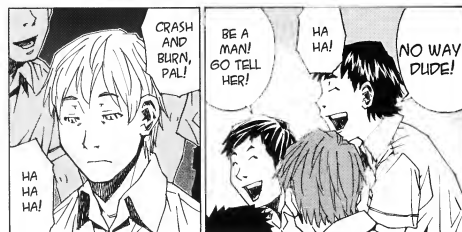














BUT I  
REALLY  
WANT TO  
KILL THEM!!



AW,  
HE'S  
SHY!

WHY SO  
SILENT?

HA HA  
HA!



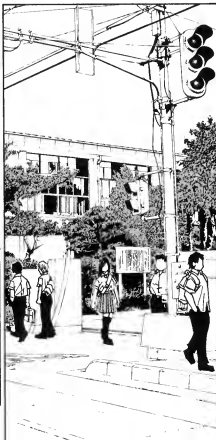
YOU  
SEEM  
TIRED.

SIGH



REALLY?  
BUT YOU  
ONLY  
TALKED TO  
3 PEOPLE!

IT'S MY  
NERVES.



UGH...  
I WANT TO  
KILL THEM  
ALL!



NO, I CAN'T  
KILL THEM HERE.  
HE'LL FIND ME  
OUT.

NO NEED TO  
ANGER HIM, EITHER.  
MY CURRENT  
OBJECTIVE  
IS TO GET RID  
OF HIM SURELY  
AND QUIETLY.



WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
MAN?



YOU DIRTY  
TRAITOR!

THAT'S WHAT  
WE WANT YOU  
TO DO!

DIE!

I TOLD YOU  
NOT TO PLAY  
WITH THAT GIRL  
ANYMORE!

LEAVE  
OUR  
ISLAND!



WHAT.

HM?

OH  
REALLY  
?

...I'M  
NOT  
AFRAID.

I RECOGNIZE  
A VOICE  
UP AHEAD.

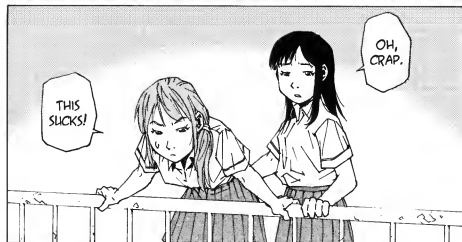
HUMPH!

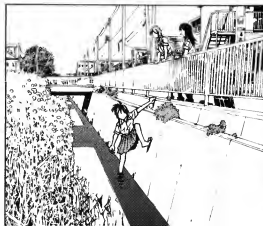
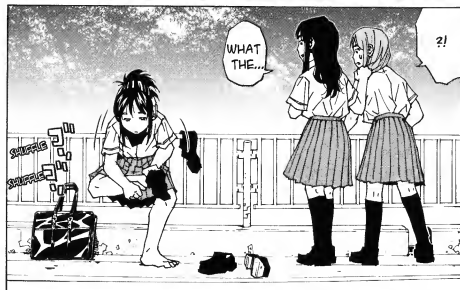
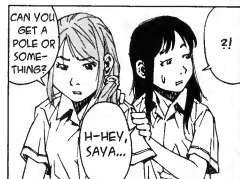
BY THE TIME  
YOU FIND IT,  
THIS PLANET  
WILL ALREADY  
BE DEAD.

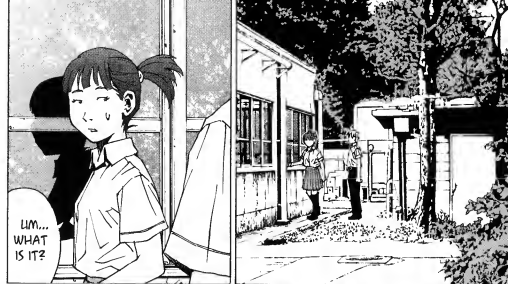
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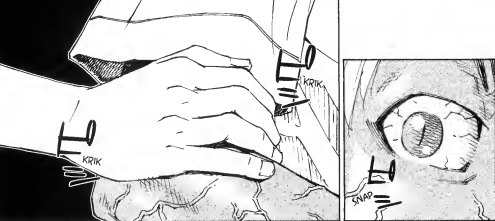
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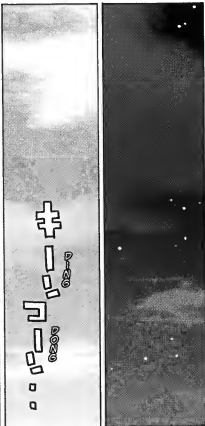
SO WHY ARE YOU  
SO AFRAID OF  
CONNECTING  
WITH OTHERS?

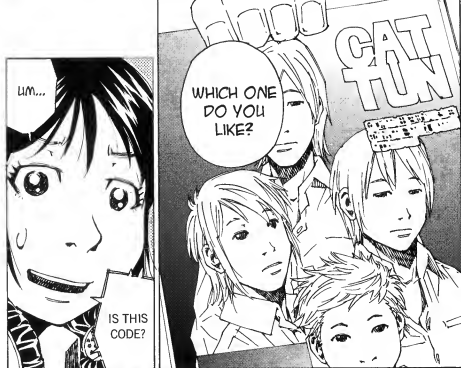










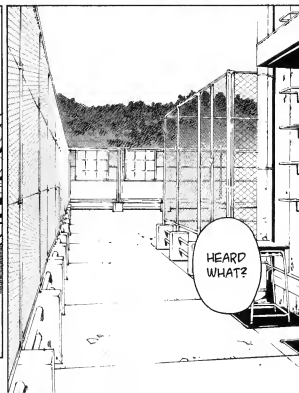
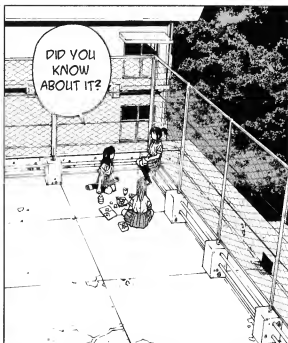


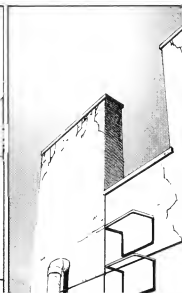
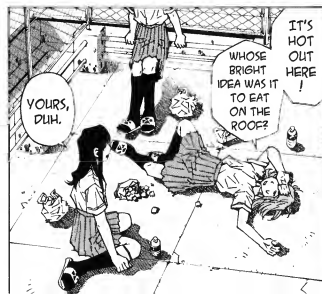
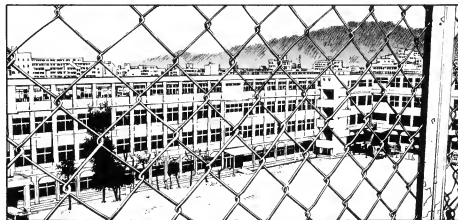


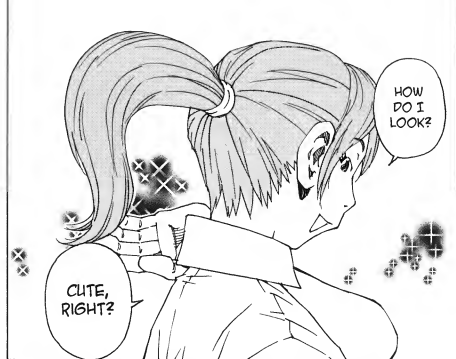
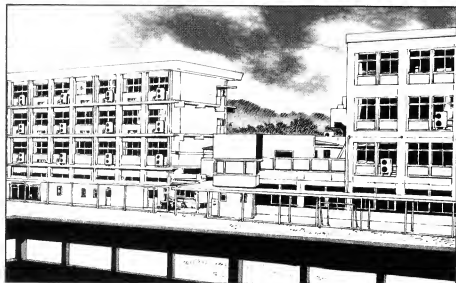
## 5. Friends













REALLY,  
IT IS!



IT'S  
CUTE,  
HIKARU!

HA HA  
HA

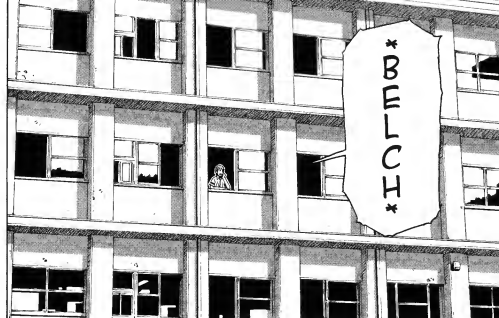


"SIGH"



YOU  
SHOULD  
LET IT  
DOWN  
EVERY  
DAY!

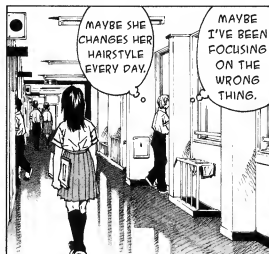
HA HA  
HA!



\*BELCH\*



"HRRP"



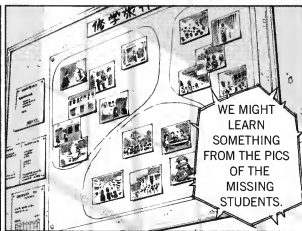
MAYBE SHE  
CHANGES HER  
HAIRSTYLE  
EVERY DAY.

MAYBE  
I'VE BEEN  
FOCUSING  
ON THE  
WRONG  
THING.

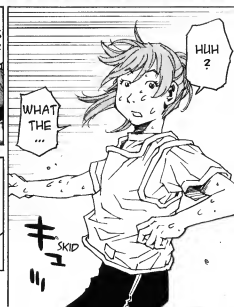
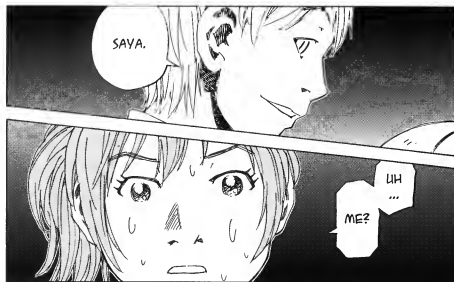
BUT  
NONE  
HAVE HAD  
HIM  
INSIDE.



I'VE  
GOTTEN  
EIGHT  
PEOPLE  
IN FIVE  
DAYS,

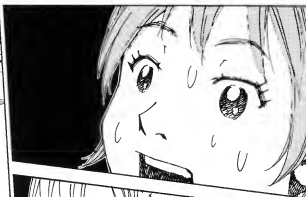








AAAAARGH!!



OOPS?



HANDS OFF!!

ZASH  
ZASH

I DON'T  
LIKE  
YOUR  
TONE,  
YOUNG  
MAN!

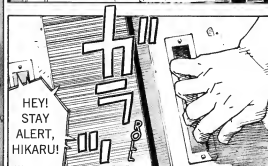
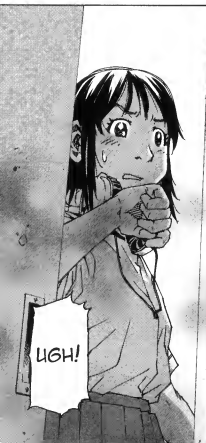


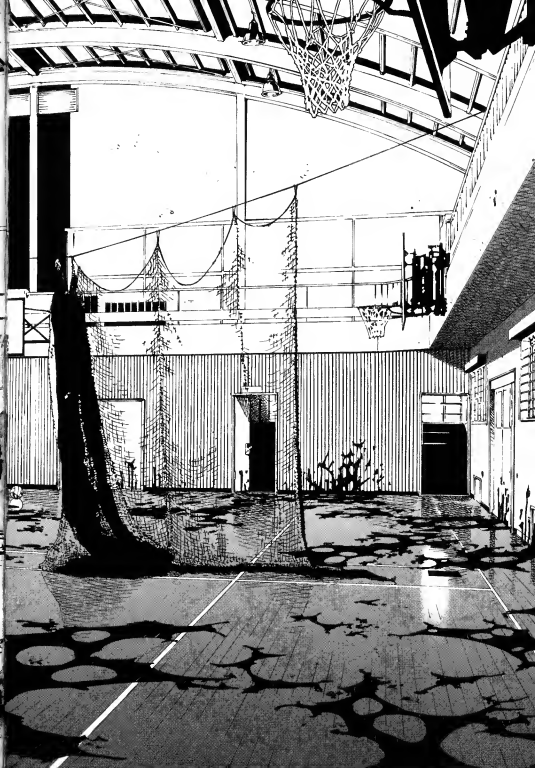
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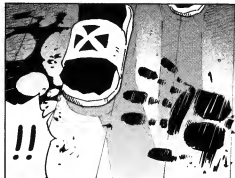
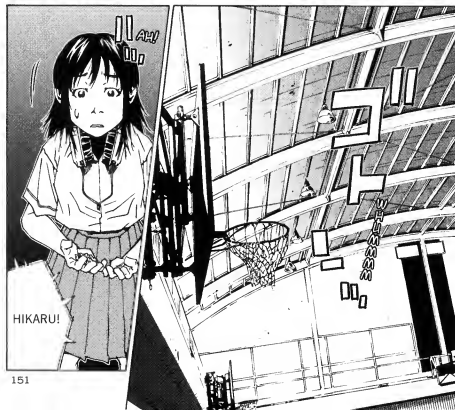
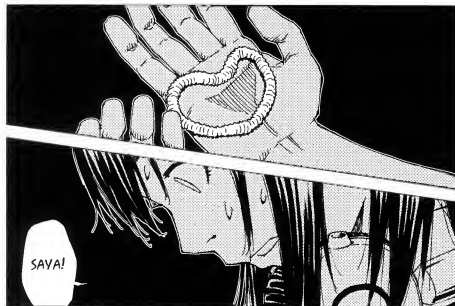












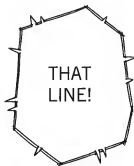




## 6. The Contract of Light









IF THAT  
HAPPENS,  
WE MIGHT  
AS WELL  
ACCEPT  
DEFEAT.

IF WE  
LOSE SIGHT  
OF HIM NOW,  
HE'LL FIND  
A NEW HOST  
AND DISAPPEAR  
INTO THE  
MASSES.



BECAUSE TRYING  
TO FIND A SINGLE  
HOST AMONG EARTH'S  
7 BILLION HUMANS  
IS LIKE TRYING TO  
FIND A NEEDLE IN  
A HAYSTACK.



YOU'RE  
AFRAID  
YOU'LL  
END UP  
EATEN,  
LIKE  
THIS!

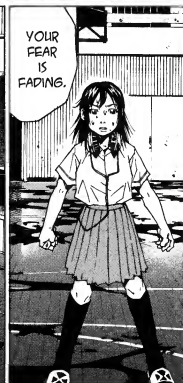
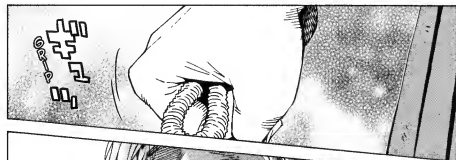


IF WE DON'T  
STOP HIM  
HERE,  
HE'LL CLAIM  
EVEN MORE  
VICTIMS.



HANG  
IN  
THERE,  
HIKARU  
!









ONE  
MORE  
STEP...



GIVE ME  
YOUR FEAR!!  
ALL OF IT!!



YOUR  
CREEPING  
FLESH...

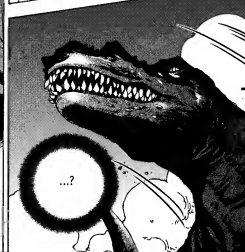
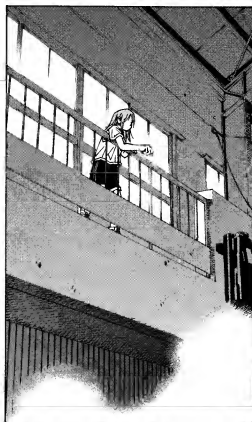
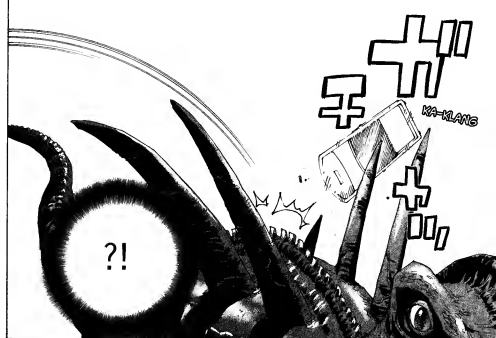
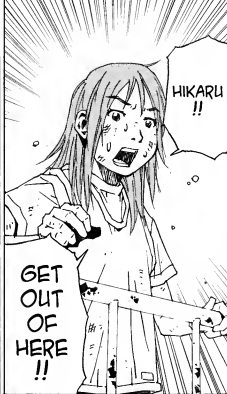


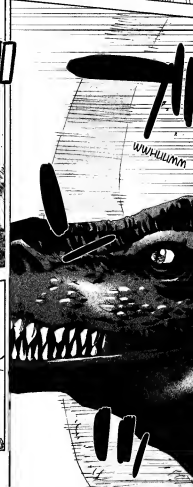
YOUR RACING  
HEARTBEAT  
AND CHOKED  
BREATH...



YOUR TEARS  
BLURRING  
THE REALITY  
YOU DON'T WANT  
TO SEE...









DON'T BE  
SHOCKED,  
HIKARU.







DO YOU  
WANT  
TO SAVE  
SAYA,  
HIKARU?



YOU  
WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO SAVE  
HER.  
...

BUT EVEN  
WITH  
MY HELP,  
AS YOU  
ARE NOW,



!!



?!

BUT  
THERE  
IS A  
WAY.

OF  
COURSE  
YOU DO?



IT  
PROBABLY FEELS  
AS THOUGH TIME  
HAS STOPPED,  
FROM YOUR  
PERSPECTIVE.

I'VE  
INTERFERED  
WITH YOUR  
BRAIN FUNCTION  
AND TEMPORARILY  
SPED UP YOUR  
THOUGHT  
PROCESS



AH,  
WHY DID  
I DO  
THIS?

BECAUSE I  
NEED YOU TO  
MAKE A  
DECISION.



?!

~!!



YOU  
CAN'T  
TALK AT  
SUPER-  
SONIC  
SPEED.

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU CAN'T  
FORM WORDS  
AS FAST AS  
YOU CAN THINK  
THEM.

YOU  
CAN'T  
SPEAK,  
CAN YOU?

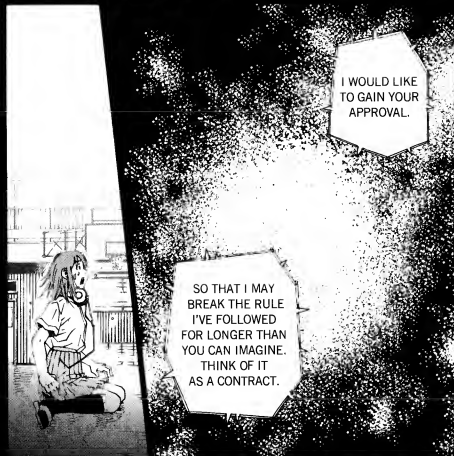


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I MUST HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO YOUR BODY.

IN ORDER TO SAVE SAYA, I MUST CONTRAVENE THAT LIMITATION.



I WOULD LIKE TO GAIN YOUR APPROVAL.

SO THAT I MAY BREAK THE RULE I'VE FOLLOWED FOR LONGER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. THINK OF IT AS A CONTRACT.



CONFORMING TO THAT CODE,

I HAVE RESPECTED MY HOST ORGANISMS AND RULED OUT MANIPULATING THEIR BODY.

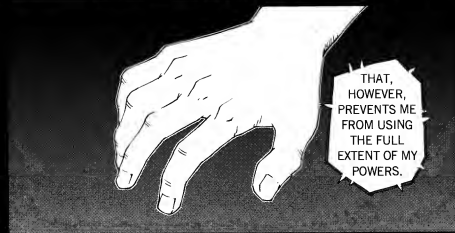


I HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MORAL CODE THAT SUPERSEDES ALL ELSE: I MUST NOT IMPAIR ANY SENTIENT BEING.

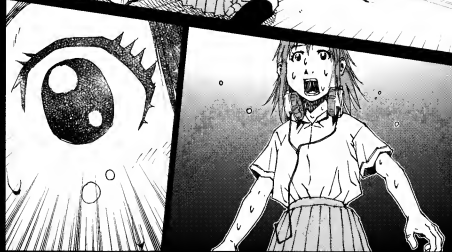


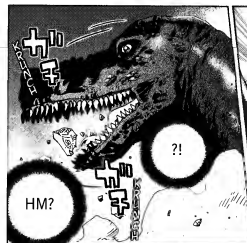
I HAVE MADE YOUR BODY MOVE ACCORDING TO MY WILL TWICE BEFORE.

BUT BOTH TIMES, I DID SO BECAUSE I HAD TO. YOU'D LOST AWARENESS.



THAT, HOWEVER, PREVENTS ME FROM USING THE FULL EXTENT OF MY POWERS.











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